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### Office Action Summary

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/21/2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11/21/2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101*

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

**Claims 1 – 5** are rejected under 35 U.S.C 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claim is drawn to a process (a series of steps or acts) that does not pass the machine-or-transformation test (In re Bilski). The claim does not require that the method be implemented by a particular machine. The method is not eligible subject matter.

Claim(s) **[6 - 10]** is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter as follows. Claim **[6 - 10]** recites a **[data structure, mere compilation of data]** which does not impart functionality to a computer or computing device, and is thus considered nonfunctional descriptive material. Such nonfunctional descriptive material, in the absence of a functional interrelationship with a computer, does not constitute a statutory process, machine, manufacture or composition of matter and is thus non-statutory per se.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1 – 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chadwick (US 7,149,750 B2).

As to **claim 1**, Chadwick discloses a method for recording data (see column 3, lines 48 – 51), comprising the steps of:

recording a data container having a given container length (see column 1, lines 26 – 29 and column 5, lines 16 – 19)

recording a key (80) indicative of a back-pointer (see column 1, lines 26 – 32, column 3, lines 60 - 61 and column 5, lines 31 - 32);

recording a length (82) indicator (see column 3, lines 63 – 65 and column 5, lines 16 - 19);

recording a value (84) indicative of the container length (see column 3, lines 63 – 67).

As to **claim 2**, Chadwick discloses a method according to claim 1, with the further step of: recording the length indicator (see column 3, lines 63 – 67 and column 5, lines 16 – 19).

As to **claim 3**, Chadwick discloses a method according to claim 2, with the further step of: recording the key indicative of the back-pointer (see column 5, lines 5 – 15 and column 5, lines 31 – 32).

As to **claim 4**, Chadwick discloses a method for retrieving sets of data on a medium in a order opposite to the recording order, comprising the steps of:

accessing a first set of data (134) (see column 5, lines 5 – 15);

accessing a key indicative of a back-pointer (see column 5, lines 5 - 15 and column 5, lines 31 - 32);

reading a value indicative of a container length (see column 5, lines 5 - 15);

accessing a second set of data using said value (see column 5, lines 54 - 65).

As to **claim 5**, Chadwick discloses a method according to claim 4, wherein the sets of data are key length value KLV encoded (see column 4, lines 24 - 46).

As to **claim 6**, grounds for rejecting claim 1 apply to claim 6 in its entirety.

As to **claim 7**, Chadwick discloses a medium carrying a data file according to claim 6 (see column 8, lines 7 - 20).

As to **claims 8 - 10**, grounds for rejecting claims 1 - 3 apply to claim 8 - 10 respectively in its entirety.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OLUWASEUN A. ADEGEYE whose telephone number is (571)270-1711. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 - 5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha D. Banks-Harold can be reached on 571-272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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